

CORRESPONDENCE.

ABISHA THOMAS TO GOVERNOR ALEXANDER MARTIN.²⁷

PHILAD[E]L[PHIA], 16th June 1792

SIR

Doctor Williamson happened to be here when your letters arrived, which I was certainly much pleased with. He took possession of the great Seal business, kept it two days, then threw it on my hands and went off without doing any thing in it. This is truly alarming, for really I know nothing about the business and I am afraid of having it spoiled. besides the Doctor advised me not to have it done, he found fault with the Latin of the Motto; however I consider your Excellency's instructions superior to his advice. I will hold council with some of the Commissiours and endeavor to have it elegantly executed.

I am with much respect and attachment

Sir

Your Excellencys

Most obt. Servt.

ABISHA THOMAS TO GOVERNOR ALEXANDER MARTIN.²⁸

PHILAD[E]L[PHIA]. 22 July 1792

SIR

Since my last to you I have consulted Mr. Johnston²⁹ respecting the great Seal, he told me that Doct[o]r Williamson has shewed him the device, and suggested some additions or alterations, which he said the Doctor would propose to your Excellency when he met you at Hillsborough in August, in consequence of which I have postponed having it executed until I again hear from you on the subject.

GOV. RICH[AR]D D[OBBS] SPAIGHT TO ABISHA THOMAS.³⁰

NEWBERN 9th January 1793.

SIR;

I have understood from Gov: Martin that he had wrote to you, to procure a great seal for the State agreeable³¹ to an act of the General Assembly at their sessions in 1791 and that you had undertaken to

²⁷A. L. North Carolina Historical Commission. Executive Files. Alexander Martin. Draft in handwriting of Abisha Thomas.

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²⁹Samuel Johnston [?], then in United States Senate.

³⁰From Executive Letter Book, p. 9. ³¹In the original: agreeable.